

## Why Screen Pregnant Women for HIV and STDs?

Undiagnosed HIV and/or STD infection in pregnant women can lead to health issues for women, their fetus or newly born children, and their partners. Testing during pregnancy, labor and delivery can ensure that pregnant women receive the proper care to mitigate these health issues and ensure a healthy pregnancy, delivery and infant. Due to the high morbidity of HIV and STDs in South Carolina, preventive testing is crucial. Healthcare providers should promote testing based on clinical recommendations and state law. If women are unsure about testing, please provide information on the advantages of testing, resources available for positive diagnoses, and materials on HIV/STDs.

### Risk Factors

Discuss risk factors for HIV and STD transmission with pregnant women. Perform additional testing based on the risk factors listed below:

- Partner(s) living with or at risk for HIV
- Illicit drug use
- History of STDs during this pregnancy or one year prior to pregnancy
- New or multiple sex partners during pregnancy
- Exchanges sex for money or drugs
- Signs or symptoms of acute HIV infection, Syphilis or other STDs

### Positive HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis B Cases



If a woman tests positive for HIV, Syphilis or Hepatitis B during pregnancy, providers must report to DHEC to assure appropriate follow-up for mothers and their infants. If a mother was previously diagnosed with HIV or Hepatitis B, report each pregnancy to DHEC for follow-up. DHEC staff at the local health departments will provide service coordination and referrals as needed for mothers and infants.

For Perinatal HIV and Congenital Syphilis Prevention

**Call 1-800-322-2437**

For Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention

**Call 1-800-277-4684**

[www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov)

### HIV and STD Testing and Care Resources

Sexually Transmitted Diseases Treatment Guidelines: Special Populations, 2015. <https://www.cdc.gov/std/tg2015/specialpops.htm>

Revised Recommendations for HIV Testing of Adults, Adolescents, and Pregnant Women in Health-Care Settings. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/rr5514a1.htm>

Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention. <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/HBV/PerinatalXmnt.htm>

## Required and Recommended Prenatal Screening for HIV and STDs

for Healthy Mothers & Babies



South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control

## Screening for HIV and STDs during Pregnancy: Recommendations & Guidelines

	Prenatal Screening		Labor and Delivery Screening
	First Prenatal Visit	Third Trimester	L&D
	ALL pregnant women should receive the following tests at the first prenatal visit with each pregnancy:	Follow up testing is recommended for:	Follow up testing is recommended for:
<b>Syphilis</b>	Rapid Plasma Reagin (RPR) is <b>required</b> by <a href="#">S.C. Law (44-29-120)</a>	Recommended for <b>ALL</b> pregnant women	Yes, if status unknown or undocumented, if treated for Syphilis within one year of L&D, or if infant is stillborn
<b>HIV</b>	Unless the woman is known to be positive, HIV screening should be offered as an opt-out test and as part of the general patient consent statement. Document results or opt-out in the chart	Recommended for <b>ALL</b> pregnant women	Yes, if status unknown or undocumented
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	Test for Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), even for those with a positive Hepatitis B core antibody. Vaccination should be provided for pregnant women with risk factors, after screening.	Yes, if risk factors present	Yes, if status unknown or undocumented
<b>Hepatitis C</b>	Women at risk for Hepatitis C infection (including current or past injection drug users) should be screened	--	--
<b>Chlamydia</b>	Screen all pregnant women under 25 years of age and those over 25 years of age with risk factors	Yes, if risk factors present, if woman is under 25 years of age, and if infected during pregnancy (retest at least 3 weeks after treatment)	--
<b>Gonorrhea</b>	Screen all pregnant women under 25 years of age and those over 25 years of age with risk factors	Yes, if risk factors present	--

### Report ALL Positive Tests to Your Local Health Department

Please refer to the [South Carolina List of Reportable Conditions](#) for reporting found at [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov).